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(MILENOV, TONI RADEV)

SUBJECT: VISAS VIPER SUBMISSION

1. POST WISHES TO SUBMIT AND/OR UPDATE THE FOLLOWING NAME AND INFORMATION IN CLASS IN ACCORDANCE WITH VIPER PROCEDURES:

2. NAME: MILENOV, TONI RADEV

- GENDER: MALE
- DPOB: JAN. 6, 1978, POPOVEZT, BULGARIA
- CLASS: POSITIVE (NO DOB)

3. SPANISH PRESS OF MARCH 14, 2005 REPORTED THAT THE SPANISH AUTHORITIES WILL REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FROM BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES TO DEPOSE MILENOV IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ASSOCIATION WITH SERHANE BEN ABDELMAJID FAKHET, ALIAS: "SERHANE EL TUNECINO", INVOLVED IN THE MARCH 11TH TERRORIST ATTACKS AND WHO LATER DIED IN AN APARTMENT BLAST. MILENOV SHARED AN APARTMENT WITH FAKHET IN MADRID. HE WAS ARRESTED IN BULGARIA ON APRIL 9, 2004, WHERE HE HAD TRAVELLED FROM SPAIN ON MARCH 1, 2004. AT THAT TIME, BULGARIAN POLICE SEIZED A MANUAL TO MANUFACTURE EXPLOSIVE DEVICES, WHICH ALSO LISTED THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF SEVERAL OTHER 11TH MARCH PERPETRATORS. MILENOV CONFIRMED THAT THE MANUAL WAS PROVIDED BY FAKHET. ACCORDING TO THE SPANISH POLICE INVESTIGATORS, MILENOV IS A RADICAL ISLAMIST WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY ARRESTED IN BULGARIA IN 2000 FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES. HE ASSOCIATED WITH THE RADICAL ISLAMIST GROUP "THE MUSLIM BROTHERS" AND COOPERATED WITH THE ISLAMISTS IN THE TURKISH-ARAB HASKOVO REGION IN BULGARIA. MILENOV RESIDED IN SPAIN SINCE LATE 2000 AND USED TO FREQUENT RADICAL ISLAMIST CIRCLES. HIS DEGREE OF COLLABORATION AND/OR INVOLVEMENT IN THE MADRID TERRORIST EVENTS HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED. THE EXAMINING JUDGE WILL PROBABLY ISSUE AN INTERNATIONAL WARRANT OF ARREST FOR MILENOV, AFTER HIS DEPOSITION.

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